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1. We agree with [ ] arguments and approve the approach to GARP and CATALINA as proposed. We do have some reservations with regard to each project however: The CATALINA Project would seem to be a fairly feeble bulwark against any violent moves by the Russians, and by contrast GARP appears so strong that it will take delicate maneuvering to keep GARP thinking in terms of intelligence operations rather than VLAIVA-type resistance activities. Naturally we agree that staybehind recruits through these channels should become our exclusive property; we further feel that they should be hermetically sealed from any staybehind recruits we develop ourselves.

2. The staybehind program we recently proposed for DAD for the remainder of 1960 must now of course be greatly stepped up. We are looking forward to discussing the whole radio side of the problem with [ ] during his imminent visit to Washington. Meanwhile the availability of equipment at the moment looks about as follows: Commo says [ ] has up to 50 water-proofed TR-1s available for immediate use which should be drawn and placed as needed. We realize, however, that pressure is coming [ ] all over Western Europe for issuance of these sets, and therefore what is on hand in Karlsruhe is by no means adequate. Commo further says that it expects to make delivery on quantities of the new RS-1s during August, and we are requisitioning 25 to be delivered as soon as available, others to be requisitioned as your needs become more specific. The prospect of the RS-1s should not lead you to give up burial of the TR-1s; however much the new product is an improvement over the old, the old style can still be useful, and we should bury as many useable sets as we can get our hands on. We are requisitioning 30 Joan and Elinor sets now, but there are two difficulties to be ironed out: (1) Commo has plenty of transmitters but almost no receiving equipment, and (2) the dry battery of the Joan and Elinor set has a life expectancy of from 6 to 18 months on the shelf.

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On the first point the lack of receiving equipment should not delay your caching of transmitters and on the second, you should investigate the possibilities of a continuing local source of supply of batteries. If 30 sets are more than will be required in Berlin the surplus will certainly be useful elsewhere in Germany. At any rate let us have an estimate of your further requirements as soon as possible, showing what will be used in "normal" operations and what is to be tentatively earmarked for use under CABINDA.

3. One further point from Commo is that they have approved the placement of crystals and signal plans with sets if burial is handled exclusively by staff personnel. In this connection they point out that the plans and crystals should be buried several hundred yards from the set itself, and that this pack should contain absolutely no metal, to obviate discovery by mine detectors or similar devices.

4. To conclude the discussion of burial, please tell us what type of cache you are considering that makes us necessarily dependent on VLKIVA. We are under the impression that, at least in the US Zone, two active men in a 3/4 ton truck can bury at least one set per week in spots selected either by themselves or by various other staff members. Were you thinking of VLKIVA because you expect CACKLER or CARP 2 to raise the question of our equipping CARP for resistance work? You seem to hint at this in your para 3, but on our side (leaving out whatever can be done by VLKIVA) there can be no question at present of a quid pro quo in the form of equipment for resistance activities in exchange for W/T recruits. So far as I know there has been no formal discussion in Washington between us and VLKIVA on the uses to which CARP could and should be put, but the time is clearly at hand when our ideas on this question will need to be broadened from the simple handing over to VLKIVA in Germany of great batches of CARP reports. Let us have your thoughts on this subject. What we want to avoid is the chance that CARP's and VLKIVA's natural community of interests will elbow intelligence operations off the sidewalk.

5. In conclusion, you have our blessing to recruit as rapidly as is consistent with security. Please keep us fully up to date on your plans and activities.

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